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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 25, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 25, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/006766/JPC, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Pending Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both Replacement Sheets and Annotated Sheets showing amendments. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.